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Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-19	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	2, 4-13	YES
	Claims	1, 3, 14-19	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-19	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations:

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2. INDEPENDENT CLAIM 1

2.1. The present application does not satisfy the requirements of PCT Article 33(1) because the subject matter of claim 1 does not involve an inventive step within the meaning of PCT Article 33(3).

2.2. Document D1 is considered the prior art closest to the subject matter of claim 1. It discloses (the references in parentheses are to D1):

- circuit arrangement with a filter bank having a plurality of filter stages and a filter bank

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2.3. The subject matter of claim 1 thus differs from document D1 in that each resonator circuit has a capacitance (C) and an inductivity (L).

2.3. Realizing frequency-selective networks on the basis of L and C components is one of the fundamentals of electrical engineering. For this reason, the use of capacitances and inductivities to create the low-pass filters AQ_i is considered a conventional and thus obvious design measure for a person skilled in the art.

2.4. Therefore, claim 1 does not involve an inventive step.

3. DEPENDENT CLAIMS

3.1. Dependent claims 3 and 14-19 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer back, meet the PCT requirements for inventive step. See document D1 and the corresponding passages cited in the search report.

3.2. The additional features of claims 2 and 4-13 are not known or suggested by the available prior art in combination with the features of claim 1. Therefore, these claims satisfy the requirements of PCT Article 33 with respect to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability.

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